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INDUCING SPUTUM SAMPLES  
FOR DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION  
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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2004, please amend the subject application as provided below, and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper, and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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